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Applicant: Richard A. Blanchard et al.

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Title: HIGH VOLTAGE POWER MOSFET HAVING A VOLTAGE SUSTAINING REGION THAT INCLUDES DOPED COLUMNS FORMED BY TRENCH ETCHING USING AN ETCHANT GAS THAT IS ALSO A DOPING SOURCE

Art Unit: 2811

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application, please enter the following preliminary amendment and remarks:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraphs 0002, 0003, and 0004 with the following rewritten paragraphs: